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St. James's, May 28.

THIS being His Majeſty's Birth Day, there was a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility and other Perſons of Diſtinction; and at Night there were Illuminations, Bonfires, and other publick Demonſtrations of Joy throughout London and Weſtminſter.

St. James's, May 31. An humble Addreſs of the Miniſters and Elders in the Shires of Bamff, Murray, Nairn, and Inverneſs, met in a Provincial Aſſembly at Forres April 17, 1717. has been preſented to His Majeſty by Brigadier-General Grant, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Dorſet.

Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Caſſel, May 20. On the 18th Inſtant this Court went into Mourning for the Prince of Heſſe-Philipſtad's ſecond Son, who was Governour of a Fort near Rhinfels, and Collonel of a Regiment in the Landgrave's Service. This Day the Dutcheſs Dowager of Mecklenbourg, who had been here ever ſince the Muſcovites came into that Country, ſet out on her Return to her Joynture Seat in Mecklenbourg. The Landgrave has written to Copenhagen, to deſire a Paſs for Collonel Rawe, who is to go back to Sweden as ſoon as he has got it, with Wine and ſuch other Proviſions for the Hereditary Prince of Heſſe as are at preſent extreme ſcarce and dear in that Country. General Rank is daily expected from Sweden.

Dreſden, May 26. On the 19th Inſtant at Night the King of Poland arrived here from Leipſick, having on his Way made a Viſit to the Queen, and to Madame Royale. Prince William of Heſſe-Caſſel, and Velt-Marſhal Fleming, came hither with the King. The Beginning of next Month his Majeſty propoſes to ſet out for Carelsbad, and will ſtay there about a Month. The Reduction of the Saxon Troops is begun; ſome intire Regiments will be disbanded, and the Number of Men in the reſt leſſened.

Madrid, May 24. The King, the Queen, and the Prince of Aſturias, continue at Balſain near Segovia; but will remove to the Eſcurial the 3d of next Month. The King has ſignified to the Council of the Indies, his Reſolution to ſuppreſs the Chamber of Contratacion at Seville, and to eſtabliſh one inſtead of it at Cadiz, to conſiſt of a few Perſons, which are to be choſen by Don Joſeph Patinno, who is to be the Director or Preſident of this new Chamber of Commerce. The Jeſuites have obtained of the King, that one of their Society ſhall have a Seat as Inquiſitor in the Supreme Council, as the Order of Dominicans have; and though this ſeems now to be only a perſonal Favour conferred on Father Marin, the Prince's Confeſſour, 'tis not doubted the Jeſuites will get it eſtabliſhed into a Cuſtom to have always one of their Order at that Council. The King has given Direction for ſuppreſſing the two Univerſities of Barcelona and Lerida in Catalonia, and for erecting one in the Town of Cervera, to which ſeveral Privileges and Exemptions are granted; and the Jeſuites have obtained, that one of the Profeſſorſhips in this new Univerſity ſhall be ſupplied by their Fraternity. On the 22d the Duke of Liria ſet out from hence for Bourdeaux, where he is to meet his Father the Duke of Berwick. We have Advice, that the three Men of War built in Biſcay, which by Streſs of Weather had been forced to put into Corunna, are arrived at Cadiz; but the fourth, which being much damaged put into Santander, is not yet ready to proceed to Cadiz. The Squadron deſigned for the Aſſiſtance of the Venetians this Summer, is now fitting out with all Expedition.

Geneva, May 31. We have Advice, that on the 26th Inſtant, the King of Sicily, with the Prince of Piemont, ſet out from Turin, and were expected at St. Jean de Mauriennes on the 29th. The Queen being indiſpoſed remains at la Venerie, but will follow as ſoon as her Health will permit. On the 21ſt Cardinal Giudice, Protector of the Crown of Sicily, arrived at Turin, and took up his Lodgings in the Houſe of the Jeſuites: He had the ſame Night a private Audience of his Sicilian Majeſty without any Ceremony, and 'tis ſaid he has ſome important Matters to negotiate with that Court, before he ſets out for Rome, whither he is going: Some report, that having a great Affection for the Republick of Genoa, he will uſe his Endeavours to adjuſt ſome late Miſunderſtanding between the King of Sicily and that State. His Sicilian Majeſty's Ships of War and Gallies are arrived at Nice. We have Advice from Genoa, that the Portugueſe Squadron deſigned to aſſiſt the Venetians this Summer againſt the Turks, was met at Sea laſt Week about 20 Leagues off Genoa, making ſail towards the Levant. Some Letters from Rome ſay, they had an Account from Otranto, that 20 Sultanas and 100 Saicks, or Tranſports, were arrived at Modon, where the reſt of the Turkiſh Fleet was expected from the Dardanelles. The Council of this City have reſolved to ſend a new Deputation to the Cantons of Zurich and Berne, upon an old Difference with the King of Sicily, about the Curate of Foncenex, who having obtained of the Senate of Chamberry a Sentence in his Favour, has ſeized upon ſome of the Revenues belonging to this Town.

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